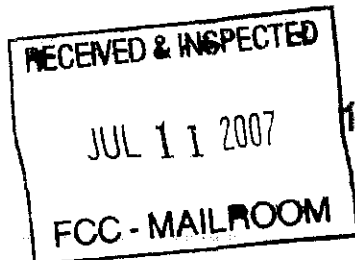


Zoo Productions

Faith House is Bustin the walls Down....



Faith House Of Refuge Ministries
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Office Of the Secretary

Date:06/ /2007

Federal Communications Commission

Attention: CGB Room 3-B431

445 12th Street SW

Washington, DC 20554

Petition for Exemption from Closed Captioning Requirements-Section 79.1(f)

To Whom It May Concern:

Faith House of Refuge Ministries is a non-profit religious organization which is located at 1401 East Washington Street, Suffolk, Virginia 23434. The Church Produces two 30 minute programs a week . The programs are titled " Zeal Of Obedience Ministries" (also known as the "ZOO"). Zeal of Obedience is a program centered around, family and Community. The broadcast shown are those of our Friday Night Family Night and our Sunday Moring Worship Service. The Zeal Of Obedience is aired on Sky4 and . Both programs utilize in-house personal and mostly volunteers to man the Cameras and edit programs.

Through the broadcasting of "Zeal Of Obedience" for the past five years, we have been able to reach not just within the walls of our church, but into the sounding communities in need. Zeal Of Obedience reaches to the places where the Tidewater area needs it most. And it is available to the sick, shut in and to those who are incarcerated. We also offer a free prayer line to those who wish to use it on every Friday and Sunday Morning.

For the reasons stated below, Faith House Of Refuge Ministries request an undue burden exemption from closed captioning rules for " Zeal of Obedience" , pursuant to section 79.1 (f) of the commission's rules.

Sincerely,

Donna L. Brown

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Church Financial Administrator

Faith House Of Refuge Ministries #2

Nature and Cost of Closed Captions

Both programs would have to be sent to an outside source which we have found to range in cost from \$ 340⁰⁰ to \$ 400⁰⁰ per 30 minute broadcast. So just for captioning it would cost Faith House an additional estimated \$ 400⁰⁰ per week, and this would be an burden on the ministry as a whole. Since Faith House of Refuge does not have any grant monies to use and we are already paying out \$ a week for both broadcast and an additional \$30.00 a week for overnight mailings of the broadcast to the station from our editor , this would mean that we would be paying out of church funds brought in only through tithes and offering a total of \$ 400 a week. Plus sending out the broadcast to an outside captioning company with our volunteer editor already being on a tight schedule, would cause a greater risk of the broadcast not making it to the station in time to air each week.

Impact on the operation of the program owner

To have the cost of Closed Captions added to our broadcast would be an undue burden that this Church just cannot afford given the amount of income brought in each year and the number of our membership. Faith House of Refuge has be a tremendous asset to the community at large and wishes to go on doing greater things given the opportunity. We are already making a DIFFERENCE in the prison, jails, nursing homes, hospitals, mission and to the youth and young adults that these programs minister to.

Financial Resources if the Program Provider

Faith House Of Refuge is a 501 C-3 organization, (see Financial statements attached). We do not have and gratis Captioning available to us and we have been told to seek Closed Captioning in order to keep airing as scheduled.

Type of Operations of the Program Provider

Faith House Refuge is a church focused on helping aid people in reaching their highest level of potential so that they have a better chance to achieve their goals in life. The Church reaches the community through the broadcast and through many other ministries in the church, such as our mission feeding that feed up to 100 homeless men and women outside of our congregation each month.

Other Factors

The fact remains that there are other things that will be hindered if we are to pay closed captioning at this time such as our ability to stay on the air and continuing to be available to reach the sick, shut in and the homeless people that have counted on us to be their aide.

Conclusion

As shown by the petition and its attachments the Commissioner should grant a waiver of the closed captioning requirements in this case, because requiring closed captioning at this would create an undue burden. The cost of closed captioning would highly impact the "zeal of Obedience" and Faith House's Operation. With Faith House of Refuge already having to use volunteers to make this television ministry work, it is evident that closed captioning would be a significant difficulty and expense that the church cannot afford.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. Brown

By: Donna L. Brown

Church Financial Administrator

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Enclosed

1. 2006 Financial Statement
2. Affidavit

Faith House of Refuge Ministries #2

Balance Sheet

**Faith House Of Refuge Ministries No. 2
And The Zeal of Obedience Television Ministry
Fiscal Year Ending December 31,2006**

Assets

Cash in Bank \$5,675.11

Property Owned Value \$121,000.00

Assets Total \$126,675.11

Liabilities

Auto Lease Balance \$6,576.65

Liabilities Total \$6,576.65

Net Worth \$120,098.46

Total Income for 2006 \$158,319.17

Total Expenses for 2006 \$153,555.37

Non Profit \$4,763.80

Affidavit

I, Donna L. Brown Financial Administrator for Faith House of Refuge Ministries #2, have reviewed the "Petition for Exemption for Closed Captioning Requirements" and certify that the statement a regarding this organization are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Donna L Brown

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Church Financial Administrator

Faith House Of Refuge Ministries #2

07/5/007

Date